



# BIAS BULLETIN

The Newsletter of Brent Irish Advisory Service

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## Tragedy of mass exodus from Ireland

NORTH West London is now receiving as many new arrivals from Ireland every month as would populate a small Irish town. The Kilburn-based Brent Irish Advisory Service calculates that up to 30 people are arriving in the area every day.

The scale of exodus from Ireland is now reaching the proportions of the massive 'fifties flight from the land. Community workers can barely cope with the problems created by the tragedy and there is a rising swell of resentment that no Irish government cares enough to remedy the situation.

Young new arrivals at BIAS Information Centre and Conway House hostel — both in Kilburn — speak with great bitterness about being "let down" by Ireland. Thousands will never return and a whole new generation of exiled Irish is in the making.

As the numbers of out-of-work youths grow on Cricklewood Broadway and Kilburn High Road, local Irish community workers confirm that their constant advice not to emigrate unless fully prepared have fallen on deaf ears.

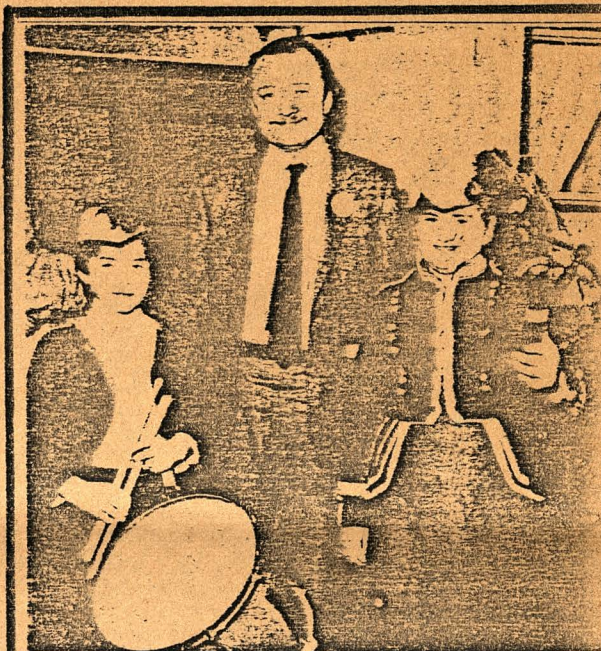
"The majority of the new arrivals stay with relatives and friends and have no need to ask agencies like us for help," says BIAS Co-ordinator Donal Mac-Craith. "But of those who seek our help, many are jobless, more are homeless and some have merely exported their mental or other difficulties across the Irish sea.

"Those with skills can get jobs; those without are finding it tough, although there are training opportunities on offer. We have assisted hundreds of jobseekers, but even the trained carpenters and secretaries face great

difficulties in finding a place to live.

"Privately-rented flats and bedsits are dearer than ever before and the number of Irish squatters has mushroomed," says BIAS housing worker Jim Smith. "Because the government has prevented local councils from building new homes the stock of housing is shrinking.

"This is further aggravated by the official policy of selling council homes. Many hundreds of Irish people have been forced to squat in sub-standard accommodation throughout north-west London and this is going to continue given the housing shortage and high migration rates."



KEN Livingstone went to the opening of the Brent Council mentally handicapped home in Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, to take part in its open day. There was a lively programme of Irish music and dance provided by the London Bantry Pipers and Dancers. Two of the band, Colin O'Connor (10) and Johanna O'Dell (10), are pictured with the former GLC leader.



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## KILBURN GROUP

A NEW Irish group which was formed in Kilburn

as the result of long and serious discussions over the last three months, has decided to call a representative conference shortly.

The group, which is called Irish Community Action, aims to promote the welfare of the Irish community and to campaign on issues of concern, such as homelessness, unemployment, social welfare, education and culture.

The group also intends to highlight the unmet needs of specific groups within the local Irish community,

including elderly and disabled people, women and youth, especially young migrants.

Founder-member Tim Hartnett says: "The group has been formed because, despite the praiseworthy efforts of many local community groups, there is a real need for a united strategy for community action.

"The new group hopes to co-ordinate the work of progressive groups and individuals from the Irish community who are endeavouring to tackle the real and pressing social needs of our people".

For details contact ICA Conference, c/o 9 Brondesbury Road, Kilburn NW6 6BX.

## DISCRIMINATION CLAIM AGAINST IRISH — ACTION GROUP CALL

MANY Irish people living in Kilburn and Willesden face the same problems which include discrimination in jobs and housing.

That is the claim of Christopher Mullan, who wants people who suffer from those problems to get together and form an action group.

Christopher, 23, comes from Derry but has lived in Kilburn for five years. He says there are many people from Northern Ireland in Kilburn who suffer from problems induced by living through the troubles and feel those people could also help one another.

Christopher is involved with Brent Irish Advisory Service and Brent Private Tenants Action group. He also works as a home help and once a week he helps down and out of Charing Cross.

He is setting up the action group so that problems with accommodation, racism or employment can be discussed. Advice on claiming benefits will also be given.

"It is important that we all get together and give practical help to each other," he says.

The first meeting will take place on Friday March 27, at 8pm in The Anson Hall, Cricklewood. All are welcome.



# Hostel opens

THE Kilburn-based Innisfree Housing Association, which was started just over a year ago, is already showing that by working together and pooling their resources, Irish people can begin to tackle the housing problems of their community in a practical and effective way.

This was stated by Colum Moloney, the Longford-born chairman of Brent Irish Advisory Service, who added that Innisfree's new hostel in Cricklewood was a small tribute to the great work of the late Catherine Coleman after whom the house in Cricklewood is named.

"We feel sad that she cannot be here with us to see her efforts come to fruition, but we will continue to provide vital assistance with housing to both new arrivals and to those who have been resident here for a long time and to highlight their unmet needs", he said.

In addition to the new hostel, Innisfree also manages several units of temporary accommodation, mainly occupied by younger single people and couples, and is developing a scheme with Brent Council to enable older Irish council tenants to return to live in Ireland.

CATHERINE Coleman House, a new long-term hostel in Anson Road, Cricklewood, was officially opened by the Kilburn based Innisfree Housing Association Ltd, which was founded last year to help meet the housing needs of the Irish community in north-west London.

The six-bed hostel is named after the late Mrs Catherine Coleman, of Albert Road, Carlton Vale, a Waterford-born community activist who had campaigned for the rights of Irish people and for the rights of tenants and homeless people from her arrival in London in 1928 until her death two years ago.

Innisfree hopes that the small six-bed hostel will be the first of many establishments to help homeless Irish people in the 35-55 age group, who are not old enough to be considered in "Priority need" for council housing and who form a high proportion of the older single homeless.

Listowel-born housing worker Tim Hartnett, chair of Innisfree, welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers. The attendance included members and officers of Brent Council, Brent People's Housing Association, and a number of Irish community organisations.

Association chair Tim Hartnett said: "We thank all those involved with Innisfree who have contributed their talent and time on a voluntary basis to improving the position of single homeless people.

"We also thank Brent People's Housing Association for having developed this new hostel and we hope that it will be the first of many such projects to be undertaken by the Association over the coming years."

Association secretary Jim Smith, of Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise, said: "The hostel has been developed for Innisfree by Brent People's Housing Association, and it accommodates both women and men between 35 and 55, each with their own room as well as shared amenities.

"The hostel residents all agree that this accommodation is preferable to being packed four to a room in a Bed & Breakfast establishment, or in a large dormitory in a hostel, conditions which are 'home' for thousands of Irish people in this age group."

Mr Jim Cunningham, chair of Brent People's Housing Association, particularly welcomed Mrs Eileen McGuire, daughter of the late Catherine Cole-

man after whom the house is named, and said that his own father, like Mrs Coleman, had come from Waterford.

The Mayor of Brent, Cllr Les Ford, said that he was very pleased to be at the opening of the hostel which he hoped would be the first of many. Housing associations, he said, were particularly necessary because government cutbacks had restricted the council's ability to provide housing.

Brent Council Leader, Cllr Merle Amory, said that it was important to provide accommodation for the single homeless, and for the council to work with voluntary agencies to achieve this. She said that she was very impressed with the standard of accommodation provided.

Cricklewood Councillor, Graham Durham, said that the council would be using its planning and environmental powers to provide a better deal for the single homeless. He also pointed out that Cricklewood was the site of the proposed "drop-in" centre which the council was developing in partnership with Homeless Concern.

THERE has been an unprecedented response among older Irish council tenants in Brent to the proposed scheme which is being established by the Kilburn-based Innisfree Housing Association in conjunction with Brent Council.

The association, which was set up last year by members of Brent Irish Advisory Service, is now working together with Brent's housing service on a scheme through which accommodation in Ireland will be provided for retired Irish tenants of the Council who wish to return 'home'.

Innisfree Secretary Jim Smith of Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise said: "We are inviting Irish-born council tenants in Brent who are aged over 55 and interested in eventually returning to live in Ireland to get in touch."

# Breakthrough

THE national conference on mental health and the Irish community, at the Irish Centre in Camden, was a major breakthrough for members of the Kilburn-based Brent Irish Mental Health Group, which was formed just over a year ago.

Group member, Galway-born Padraic Kenna, of Douglas Road, Kilburn, told the conference: "We are the first Irish community organisation which is trying to achieve an adequate understanding of the needs of Irish people with mental health difficulties."

Recent research by one of the main speakers at the conference, psychologist Dr Raymond Cochrane, of Birmingham University, showed that the Irish immigrant community are most likely to suffer from mental illness in Britain.

Although the Irish are more likely to commit suicide, suffer from depression, personality, behavioural and alcohol-related disorders than any other major immigrant group, "there has been relatively little interest perhaps because the Irish are not really seen as immigrants", he said.

Dr Cochrane's research showed that the majority of Irish immigrants were more psychologically stable than the average British adult. Most put down firm roots and had the support of tightly-knit local Irish communities.

He said that a small minority, however, did extremely badly and were then at a double disadvantage — alone and alienated among the British and disowned by their fellow countrymen and women for "giving the Irish a bad name".

Psychiatrist Roland Littlewood said: "Nobody is examining the problem, partly, I think, because the Irish do not have the 'exotic appeal' of other immigrants. But there is too the English block about Ireland. The lack of research is a case of singular neglect."

Mayo-born Dr Rose Anne Varley, of Brent Irish Mental Health Group, said: "Taking on the issue of Irish mental health in Britain means facing up to the very deep, ambivalent feelings we have towards the British and living here."

Cork born psychiatrist Dr Maire O'Shea, also a member of the Brent group, said: "We hope to set up a national forum to campaign for more resources and encourage more specific research into the mental health problems of Irish immigrants and their children."

Padraic Kenna told the conference: "Overall we found little up-to-date research in this field because it has been ignored by statutory and voluntary bodies. With the assistance of Brent Community Health Council we compiled a collection of all available material."

"We received a positive response from Brent Area Health Authority with the result that one of our committee members is undertaking a research project funded by the Authority on the incidence of attempted suicide among young Irish people."

"We felt that to highlight the problems faced by Irish people living in this country was the most effective course of action. The voices of Irish people with mental health problems are not often heard, and their experiences have never been documented."

"For our forthcoming booklet we interviewed a cross-section of Irish people in London with mental health difficulties. This booklet is being funded by Brent Race Relations Unit and will be available soon."

Rose, who lived in Malvern Place, Carlton Vale, had been a member of Brent East Labour Party for several years, playing an active part in the campaign against 'strip-searching' and in support of the Hunger Strikers.

Like many single Irish people in north-west London, Rose had experience of homelessness and she was a member of the management committee of Kilburn-based Brent Community Housing which provides accommodation for single homeless people.

One of her colleagues paid her a moving tribute this week, saying: "Rose's republicanism, socialism and feminism were as much a part of her as her honesty, generosity and humour. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Deepest sympathies are extended to her family and many friends."

## Sudden death of Irish activist

THE burial took place in her native Dublin of Rosemary Deane, after her tragic and sudden death at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, at the age of 30.

## INNISFREE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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# Reunion party



THIS GROUP enjoyed the Irish Senior Citizens' Christmas reunion party organised by the Kilburn-based Brent Irish Advisory Service

ALMOST a hundred local Irish pensioners came to the second annual Irish Pensioners' Christmas Reunion Party at the Cavendish Ballroom in Willesden Green. The guests included Brent's deputy mayor Cllr. Len Williams and the deputy mayoress.

The event provided an opportunity for the pensioners to renew old acquaintances, to exchange news and greetings, and to make new friends in an atmosphere reminiscent of the 'Céilí house' of old Ireland. Greetings were exchanged between pensioners from all over the Brent area before they sat down to enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings done to a tune by Mrs. Harty and staff of the Spotted Dog, and served up by a small army of willing helpers.

A delightful display of Irish step dancing by young pupils of the Noonan School of Dancing in Kilburn was followed by lively traditional music played in fine style by Mayo-born fiddler Peter Sheridan of Cricklewood and Limerick-born accordionist Jim O'Shea of Kilburn.

The pensioners' party was followed by the annual Irish Community Christmas Reunion Social and Dance, a unique occasion which brings together hundreds of local Irish people and their friends of many lands from all over the Brent area.

All ages, backgrounds and generations, and most of Ireland's different counties and towns of origin, were represented at the reunion dance in an enjoyable celebration of the reasonable festivities and a

fitting start to the Christmas holiday.

Brent Council leader, Cllr. Merle Amory, Chief Whip, Cllr. Christine Winter and Labour group chairman Norman Long, together with fellow Brent councillors Cedric Best, Pam Jordan, John Ryan, and Penny Withum were warmly welcomed when they dropped in on the proceedings.

Longford-born Colum Moloney, chair of Brent Irish Advisory Service, which organised the whole evening, thanked Brent Council for its support. He said that Brent's provision of a specialist social worker would be of great benefit to the Irish community.

Mick Maloney and the Sidetracker's band supplied an entertaining programme of Irish, folk, country, old time and modern music, and the young pupils from the Kennedy School of Irish Dance gave a graceful exhibition of Irish step dancing.

BRENT Councillors Hazel Baird and Frank Hansen who represent the Mapesbury ward between Kilburn and Cricklewood are the second pair of Brent councillors to use the Irish language in communicating with their constituents from across the water.

A multi-lingual information card to be distributed to all homes in the area will include details of the councillors' regular advice surgeries, as well as their addresses and telephone numbers, all translated into the ancient Gaelic tongue.

In recent years there has been a steady growth in the use and learning of the modern Irish Language, especially among people of Irish descent, as well as by Irish parents and their children, and this is reflected in the constant demand for tuition, books and tapes.

# Dancers

ALMOST every young Irish dancer in north-west London seems to have entered this year's Brent Feis — the Irish Dancing section of the annual Brent Festival of Music and Dance.

Now widely recognised as the premier event in Irish dancing circles, the Feis has attracted thousands of entries from all over Britain, including hundreds of young girls and boys from the many local schools of Irish dance who took to the huge Wembley stage to display their unique talents.

There are several teachers of Irish dance in north-west London — especially in Kilburn, Harlesden, Willesden, Cricklewood and Wembley — who aim to carry on the tradition of the old 'dancing master' who first appeared in rural Ireland in the middle of the 18th century.

The Brent Feis features a distinctive form of Irish dancing — solo dances — usually performed nowadays in exhibition or competition and requiring a great deal of skill. The style is one of simplicity and natural grace, while the figures and steps are executed with accuracy and precision.

The types of dances in the Brent Feis include slip jigs, light jigs, heavy jigs, double jigs, reels, hornpipes and set dances; and while they are mainly performed by solo dancers there are also competitions for couples and threesomes.

The vivid costumes worn by the dancers at Brent Town Hall reflect the clothing of the past. For the ancient Irish were very fond of bright colours; in fact it was a mark of one's standing in the community to be allowed to wear more than one colour.

Embroidery was very much a part of women's clothing in the past. And today, these aspects of Irish culture are picked up in the dance costumes being worn by entrants to the competitions.

The girls' dresses are a copy of the 'peasant' dress of old Ireland and they are adorned with hand-embroidered Celtic designs, while copies of the famous Tara brooch are worn on the shoulder, holding the flowing piece which falls over the back.

The boys' costumes are less embellished, but no less steeped in history; they wear a plain kilt and jacket and a folded cloak hanging from the shoulder. The cloak or 'brat' was a symbol of rebellion during the suppression since it enabled the rebels to endure the worst weather in the mountains.

Nowadays each dancing school has its own distinct costume, and an expert eye can identify which school a dancer attends from simply looking at the colour and design. Among the local schools taking part in this year's Brent Feis are the Griffin, Kennedy, Kinsella, Massey and Troy.

THE Irish Dancing section of the annual Brent Festival of Music and Dance — Brent Feis — at Brent Town Hall

showed the high standard, variety and popularity of Irish dancing today.

Many factors have contributed to this, not least the dedication and hard work by dancers and teachers

alike and generally a greater awareness of all forms of Irish music and dance in recent years.

Grace and beauty on a high level are the main delights of Irish dance and the dancers themselves, being the proud and fortunate possessors of a unique inheritance of national dances, have the gifted temperament to combine both.

# On Location

EVENING Extra, the leading daily current affairs programme on Ireland's RTE television in Dublin, was on location in Brent

to report on some of the activities and achievements of the borough's Irish community.

Producer Billy Magra, presenter Richard Crowley and a film crew from the programme visited the temporary offices of Brent Irish Advisory Service and the London Irish Commission for Culture and Education at Salusbury Road.

The filmed reports included interviews with educationalist Brendan Mulkerre and his colleagues in the Irish Commission about their work, which is of special interest in the context of anti-racism and multi-cultural education.

Interviews also took place with Brent Councillor Colum Moloney on the position of the borough's travelling people; with Irish pensioners who want to return to live in their homeland, and with Irish language students in Kilburn.

# DEGREE STUDY

LOCAL Irish people are being invited to apply now for places on the new ACCESS courses which are starting at the South Kilburn Community School in Stafford Road, Carlton Vale next September.

The ACCESS courses are designed to help adults over 21 go on to do a professional or degree qualification at a university or polytechnic even though they may not have the traditional O and A levels.

Students take the course for a year and if successful then go on to complete their studies at university or polytechnic. The courses on offer are in humanities, science and social science.

Potential applicants should contact Barrie Birch or Gill Scott on 328 3471 as soon as possible.



# Single homeless

A NEW DAY centre for single homeless people in the area is the priority of Cricklewood Homeless Concern in 1987 — the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless — and the organisation is to step up its campaign for this facility.

This was stated by Neasden-based housing worker Gerry Molumby, chairman of the registered charity, in his address to its annual general meeting at St Agnes's church in Cricklewood Lane, where the group was founded just four years ago.

"We started in 1983 because of concern amongst the priests and some parishioners of St Agnes's at the number of people calling at the presbytery for a food handout — many of the men were sleeping rough," he said.

"From the very beginning Homeless Concern has been involved with single homeless people who have special needs as a result of alcoholism, mental illness or poverty. Our service is available to any homeless person regardless of race, colour or creed.

"Our Sunday Club at St Agnes's Community Centre is now attended by up to 90 users and we are also open on Tuesday afternoons. We want the club users to see it

as a social event, as their place, where they can chat, watch TV, or read newspapers.

"Our development worker, Paul Hinge, is available to meet the welfare needs of club users. But with the increase in numbers of people coming for help during the week and the need for a daily club facility, it is obvious that we need our own day centre."

Parish priest Fr Herbert Haines told the meeting

that although the recent sub-zero temperatures had focussed attention on the homeless and aged, their needs are still there throughout the year.

"Looking at Cricklewood and taking account of the daily calls at the Presbytery over the past year, the needs of the homeless have not lessened or gone away," he said. "The number of homeless people has stayed at a constant figure."

Fr Haines also drew attention to an issue which he feels is important, and not just homeless people: "Cricklewood has no public toilet — and this must reflect a certain lack of sensibility on the part of the local authority."

In his first year's report, development worker Paul Hinge said that a number of

people who were living rough are now housed in local council housing. Their housing applications had been speeded up by the existence of 'Concern' and his efforts.

"During the year we have started alcohol counselling for people who wish to avail themselves of this service," he said. "This counselling has often resulted in people being referred to de-toxication units miles away. There is no unit in Brent."

Tom Reynolds recounted the efforts made by the organisation to obtain joint funding from Cricklewood's three surrounding

boroughs — Barnet, Brent and Camden — and the delays and difficulties before the grants were eventually received.

"We are grateful that Brent Council has agreed the capital funding for our day centre," said Mayor-born committee member Mary Cribbin. "We feel strongly that day-time, and how to kill those long, dreary hours is a problem many people fail to consider when discussing homelessness."

In a moving address to the meeting, Maurice O'Connor, a native of Listowel, Co Kerry said: "I have been a

REPRESENTATIVES from Irish community organisations in north-west London went to the House of Commons

to join a mass lobby of MPs about the cases of the Maguire family of Paddington, the "Guildford Four" of Kilburn and the "Birmingham Six".

The lobby was followed by a meeting, attended by more than 100 people, which was chaired by Seamus McGarry, chair of the Federation of Irish Societies in Britain, and addressed by a number of guest speakers including

member of the Cricklewood Homeless Concern almost from its inception both on the management committee and as a 'down and out' in Cricklewood.

"At first it all seemed impossible, but by sheer determination and love how could it fail? Daily I was gaining confidence, so as to re-establish myself back into the community. By now I was strong enough to commit myself to a Detox Unit to get dried out."

Members of the management committee elected at the meeting include: Gerry Molumby (chair), Margaret Egan (secretary), Brigid Keenan (treasurer), Len Cole, Mary Cribbin, Sr Winifred Dowd, Leslie Dunn, Maurice O'Connor, and Tony Sheward.

writer Robert Kee, lawyer Alistair Logan, Lord Gerry Fitt, and Clive Soley MP.

The meeting agreed that an "eminent persons group" should be set up to lead the campaign which aims to proclaim the innocence of the 17 people involved in the three cases. Many speakers called for the setting-up of an independent public enquiry with a legally qualified chair and independent lay assessors.

A benefit social in aid of the Guildford Four campaign at the Cricklewood was attended by hundreds of local supporters of the campaign which is rapidly gaining support among the wider community in north-west London following the recent publication of Robert Kee's book.

At Brent Town Hall, last week, Irish Councillor Colum Moloney moved that Brent Council should support the campaign: "The people accused of committing bomb outrages on flimsy forensic and uncorroborated evidence must be given support to have their cases re-examined immediately," he told a meeting of the ruling Labour group.

"There is great concern among the Irish in this borough about the injustices to the parties concerned. We also call for the names of the Maguire family to be cleared of the alleged offences against them, and also to be compensated for their illegal incarceration," he said.

## GAELIGE RIACHTANACH DO PHOST I LONDAIN

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## OBITUARY

### 'Spotter' Murphy

THE death occurred:

at St Mary's hospital in Praed Street of Mr James Gerard 'Spotter' Murphy aged 65, of Cambridge Court, Kilburn Park who was a native of Belfast and had lived in the Kilburn-Paddington area for more than forty years.

The late Mr Murphy was a well-known figure to local people of all nationalities. He was a veteran republican and socialist in the true 'Connolly' tradition, and was passionately concerned with the welfare of everyone regardless of race or creed.

THE DEATH of James 'Spotter' Murphy on Sunday morning, October 19th, in a London hospital came as a shock to his many republican friends and comrades in Ireland and Britain. Spotter Murphy was a lifelong republican who joined the Republican Movement at the age of 16 and became a Volunteer in the old 'D' Company in Belfast.

Educated at St Peter's School, Raglan Street, he was active in the '40s and was interned in Crumlin Road Jail for some years until the release of the internees in 1945. He later moved to London, where he lived until his death.

He frequently visited Belfast and was always in touch with the Movement in Belfast and England. In the present campaign he was arrested and charged with supplying information to the Balcombe Street Four in London.

He was found guilty and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

#### FAILING HEALTH

On release after serving the sentence, he continued to reside in London, but his health had begun to fail.

The Republican Movement extends its deepest sympathy to the Murphy family on their sad loss.

I measc laochra na nGael go raib a anam uasal.



### BRENT council Women's sub-committee

invited local Irish women to attend a reception at the Town hall for Sinn Féin women councillors who are visiting various local councils in England to exchange views and information on how councils might address the needs of women in their communities.

AN Irish Women's Group now meets at the Brent Women's Centre in Willesden on the first Friday evening of each month, and new classes in the Irish language, set dancing and assertiveness training for Irish women are planned. For more information contact Nuala at the Centre on 459 7660.



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**Delete** P.R.O. Mr. T. Walsh etc.**BRENT Change:** Secretary: Miss Mary Hurley, 117 Fleetwood Road, Willesden London NW10 1NP. (452 6851).**HARINGEY: Change:** Secretary: Mr. Bill Aulsberry (01 889 6579)**HARROW Change:** Secretary: Mr Brendan Griffin, 16 Hawkins Close, Harrow, Middx. (01 423 0830)**IRISH CENTRE: Change:** Director: Fr Claude Malone, O.M.I.**IRISH CLUB: Insert:** 82 (Eaton Square)**SOUTH EAST LONDON IRISH SOCIETY:** c/o St. Thomas More Club, Lordship Lane, London SE22; Secretary V. Egan (701 9882)**SURREY Insert Address:** 35 Barrington Road, Sutton, Surrey.**AYLESBURY Change:** Secretary: Mr W.E. Smith, 2 Thackery End, Aylesbury, Bucks. (Aylesbury 22659)**CORBY Delete:** Secretary: Mr F. Sheridan, Great Oakley. **Insert:** Patrick Road (address).**MILTON KEYNES IRISH SOCIETY: Delete:** Secretary: Mrs M'Haughey, etc. **Insert:** Mr Richard Golden, 20 Hertford Place, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.**Insert: READING AND DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION**, 82 Tippings Lane, Woodley, Reading RG5 4RY. Tel: (0734) 693066**WOKING & DISTRICT IRISH SOCIETY: Delete** Secretary Mr J. Turner etc; **Insert** Mr G. O'Mahony, Chobham (099 05) 8456**CONWAY HOUSE:** Tel. number should be 01 624 2918**ANTRIM** New Tel. number 625 6338.**ARMAGH:** Delete address and tel. number. New Tel. number 578 1554.**CAVAN:** Delete all. New Secretary Miss B. Reilly, c/o Irish Centre, 52 Cemden Square, London NW1 9XB.**CLARE:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs M. Dempsey (888 6164)**CORK:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr M. Dooley (907 6955)**DONEGAL:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs T. Last (330 5941)Insert **DOWN:** Secretary Mrs Kathleen Maloney, 17 Grove Avenue, Hanwell, London W.7 (567 4463)**GALWAY:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr J. Fally (427 4597)**KERRY:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs D. Kelliher (997 7652)**KILDARE:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs M. Baker (722 4472)**KILKENNY:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr T. Dack (435 4830)**LEITRIM:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs D Daly (607 8250)**LONGFORD:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr J. Curran, c/o Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, London NW1 9XB.**LOUTH:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr K. Maguire (422 5147)**OFFALY:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs M. Clark (737 2791)**ROSCOMMON:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs C. McGann (904 4535)**SLIGO:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs A. Bennett (202 6750)**WESTMEATH:** Delete all. New Secretary Mr. F. L'Estrange (769 8038)**WICKLOW:** Delete all. New Secretary Mrs B. Conway (237 4305)**BEARA:** Delete Joe Sheehan; Insert Peter Hartnett (01 997 5041)**YOUGHAL:** Tel. number should be 01 422 0314.



#### PAGE 14 POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS

**Change:** CONNOLLY ASSOCIATION: New Address 177 Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TE (01 228 1512)  
**ADD:** IRISH IN BRITAIN REPRESENTATION GROUP: Sec/P.R.O. Michael Sheehan, 38 Clothorn Road, Didsbury, Manchester M.20 (061 792 3160) or 36 Maskell Road, London SW17 OLD (947 9797)

**ADD:** IRISH INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP, No.1 Morval, 7831 Gondregnies, Belgium.

**Delete:** IRISH LOBBY GROUP entry.

**Insert:** IRISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, c/o IRISH CLUB, 82 Eaton Square, London SW1 (01 235 4164)

#### SOCIETIES

**ADD:** BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF SAINT PATRICK, 61 Bayswater Road, London W2 3PG (01 723 0021)

**Change:** IRISH UNIVERSITIES CLUB LTD. New Address c/o Challoner Club, 61 Pont Street, London SW1 (01 589 5343)

**ADD:** THE HON. IRISH SOCIETY, Guildhall Yard, London EC2 (01 606 7269)

**ADD:** LONDON IRISH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, c/o Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, London NW1 9XB (485 0051)

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**KERRY ASSOCIATION IN LONDON:** Tels. 01 965 9089 (Men 18-30)

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#### WELFARE (CAMDEN)

**Change:** MARIAN HOUSE should be ST. LOUISE

#### YOUTH

**Delete:** FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCIETIES, etc.

**Insert:** FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCIETIES YOUTH OFFICER; Mr Jim McGrath, 25 Rookes Close, Letchworth, Herts; Tel: (home) Letchworth (04626) 74406; (work) St. Albans (56) 34221

## Part 2: ARTS & CULTURE

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**Delete:** BIAS CULTURAL-DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 9 Brondesbury Road, London NW6 6BX.

**Insert:** IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE STEERING GROUP, above address.

**Change:** IRISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES LONDON, New Address 46 Laurier Road, London NW5 (482 0820)

#### AN GHAELGE

**CONRADH NA GAEILGE:** **Change** Seosamh Flóid; New Address 43 Leicester Road, Wanstead, London E11 (01 989 7332)

Newsletter: «An Saol Gaelach»

**Change:** CRAOBH BIRMINGHAM: RUNAI, c/o Irish Community Centre, 14-20 High Street, Deritend, Birmingham (021 622 2314)

#### TEACHERS

**ADD:** Ann Buckley (Cork) 4 Herschell Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 1EG (01 291 0856)

**ADD:** Mrs Siobhan O'Neill (Cork), 80 Eastway, London E9 (985 1457 ext 1)

**ADD:** Ms. Eileen Doherty (Donegal), 32 Churchill Road, London NW2 (451 3663)

**ADD:** Mr Tim Healy (Cork), London E9 (985 0933).

**ADD:** Mr Donal Kennedy, 46 Belmont Avenue, Palmers Green, London N13 (886 7126).

**Delete:** Mr Seamus Daly etc.

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#### TUITION

**ADD:** MARYLEBONE C/E SCHOOL, 64 Marylebone High Street NW1. Tuesday 6.15 - 8.15pm

**Change:** BIRMINGHAM: Irish Community Centre, 14-20 High Street, Deritend, Birmingham (021-622 2314) (Conradh na Gaeilge)

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#### DANCE

**Change:** Coimisúin: New Secretary Siobhán Ní Chatháin.

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**Insert:** after Cumann Amhrán - Secretary George Walsh Tel No. 01 286 9844.

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#### TUITION FOR ADULTS

**ADD:** St. Peter's Church Hall, Hinkley Road, Leicester. Thursday 9 - 11pm; Tutor: Danny Doherty

#### TUTOR FOR ADULTS

**ADD:** Danny Doherty, 259 Sewall Highbury, Wyken, Coventry. (0203 441290)

#### CEILI VENUES

**ADD:** St. Peter's Church Hall, Hinkley Road, Leicester. Thursday 9-11pm; Contact Danny Doherty, Coventry (0203 441290)

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#### GAELIC GAMES

#### GAA LONDON COUNTY BOARD

**ADD:** Sports Ground, Avery Hill Road, New Eltham, London SE9 (01 850 2369)

#### CLUB SECRETARIES

**Clan na Gael (H):** delete C. Dee etc.

**Change:** Guinness. New Name: Wembley Harps.

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#### LONDON CLUB SECRETARIES

**ADD:** Swiss Cottage Handball Club, c/o Secretary Michael Collins, 13 Wotton Road, Cricklewood, London NW2 (Tel: (H) 450 6097) (W) 263 6201; or Chair, John O'Mahony. (Tel: (H) 898 3934)

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#### HISTORY ORGANISATIONS

**ADD:** IRISH IN BRITAIN HISTORY WORKSHOP, c/o 207 Sumatra Road, West Hampstead, London NW6 1PF (435 9233 or 555 7584). Meets on first Thursday of every month at Carlton Centre, Granville Road, Kilburn, London NW6 5RA (624 4551)

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#### IRISH STUDIES

#### COURSES

**ADD:** HACKNEY INSTITUTE, Brookes House School, Kenninghall Road, London E5 8PB. (985 9646) Organiser Maureen Taylor.

**ADD:** Ann Buckley, M.A., 4 Herschell Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 1EG (291 0856): Irish Social History; Irish Folk Music; Irish Community Studies in Britain.

#### USEFUL ADDRESSES

**Change:** CENTRE FOR URBAN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES: New Address; c/o Robert Montefiore School, Underwood Road, London E1 5AD (01 377 0040/9904)

**Change:** IRISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES LONDON: New Address; 46 Laurier Road, London NW5 (01 482 0820)

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#### LITERATURE

#### ORGANISATIONS

**Change:** GREEN INK: Contact Pat Reynolds; New Address/tel.; 84A Marlborough Road, London N22 (01 881 0751)

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#### MUSIC (ORGANISATIONS)

#### COMHALTAS BRANCHES

#### Additions: England

**Ashton-in-Makerfield** (Cheshire) Secretary Mrs M. McDough, 34 Hillberry Crescent, Warrington, Cheshire.

**Bedford:** Secretary; Gerard Magill, 6 Rossendale Walk, Bedford.

**Birmingham:** Secretary; Maureen Regan, 318 Harborne Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17

**Birmingham South:** Secretary; Mrs C.T. Garvey, 19 Runnymede Road, Hall Green, Birmingham B11 3BN

**Cheltenham:** Secretary; Bill Fagan, 11 Abbotsley Road, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

**Coventry:** Secretary; John Hanrahan, 106 Caxton Street, Derby

**Great Harwood:** Secretary; Mrs M. McKenna, 46 Bold Street, Accrington, Lancashire.

**Keighley:** Secretary; Mrs K Lunny-Walsh, 23 Swinear Avenue, Yeadon, Leeds LS19 7PF, West Yorkshire.

**Lancaster:** Secretary; Wendy Stewart, 25 Minde Street, Lancaster, Lancashire.

**Leeds:** Secretary; M. Fean, 2 Dodgeson Avenue, Leeds 7, West Yorkshire.

**Leicester:** Secretary; Patrick Greasley, 24 Rendall Road, Leicester.

**Liverpool:** Secretary; Mrs M. Mathews, 71 Park Lane, Bootle 20, Liverpool.

**Luton/Harp:** Secretary; Delia Kelly, 12 Ascot Road, Luton, Beds.

**Luton/Leagrave:** Secretary; John Maguire, 4 Whitefield Avenue, Sutton Park, Luton, Beds.

**Manchester/O'Carolan:** Secretary; Ms Diane Smithers, 16 Marmion Drive, Chorlton, Manchester.

**Northampton:** Secretary; Mrs B. Convey, 115 Bailiff Street, Northampton, Northamptonshire.

**Preston:** Secretary; Peter Savage, 5 Brennard Close, Bamberbridge, Preston, Lancs.

**Rotherham:** Secretary; Mrs L. Treanor, 142 Hillview Road, Kimberworth, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

#### SCOTLAND

**Corfin:** Secretary; Sean Doherty, 61 Linksvie Road, Jerviston, Motherwell.

**Glasgow/ Irish Minstrels:** Secretary; Lena Tierney, 34 Duncombe Street, Glasgow G42.

**Glasgow/ Michael Coleman:** Secretary; Mrs A. McHugh, 36 Korrylamount Avenue, Glasgow G42.

#### WALES

**Port Talbot:** Secretary; Mrs M. Blaney, 109 Abbots Close, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan.

#### TUITION

**Delete:** Ealing Irish Music Club.

**Insert:** Ealing Traditional Music School, c/o West Ealing Youth Centre, Mattock Lane, London W13; Contact Mrs O'Shea (567 6527) or Denis Fitzgerald, 7 Bloomfield Place, West Ealing, London W13 (579 5615).



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NW6 6NY

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# PENSIONERS

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SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

IRISH IN BKENT



# Fight Racism - Support the Travellers

Travelling People constitute an ethnic minority group in the community who have been resorting to and residing in the Brent area for as long as anyone can remember. But increasing urbanisation and industrial development over the years has encroached on travellers' traditional camping places and pushed them more and more into the public eye.

Although they have their own history, traditions and secret language, the Travellers have the same needs and aspirations as the rest of the community and are entitled to the same basic rights as other people in the borough - the right to a secure home, sanitation, running water, health care and education. So they need good permanent caravan sites.

Since 1968, Brent Council has been legally obliged to provide permanent sites for Travellers and at the local elections in May 1986 Labour was returned with a big majority on the Council and a manifesto commitment to provide a permanent site for 20 travelling families.

Brent Council Leader Cllr. Merle Amory said: "For too long the problem of travelling people has been ignored in Brent and travellers have been forced to camp on unsuitable grounds. Simply to evict travellers without providing alternative sites is shortsighted and is no solution".

In August 1986, Brent Council decided to provide two temporary sites until a permanent one had been located and established - on the hardcover area at the Book Centre Playing Fields in Neasden and the secondary car park at Vale Farm Sports Centre in Sudbury.

These temporary sites were chosen because they would be easiest to manage and would cause least disturbance to surrounding residents. Both sites would be serviced and managed by the Council, and would provide a specified number of pitches for which the travellers would pay rent. In October Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, instructed Brent not to open the sites.

## WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED

Brent Travellers' Support Group is made up of travelling people and residents of Brent working together for better community relations. By working together we aim to increase understanding between travellers and the rest of the community. The cause of most of the problems is the failure to provide travellers' sites in the borough.

Our aims are to promote and represent the needs of travellers within Brent to Brent Council, other bodies and the public at large; to have the rights of Travellers respected; to ensure that permanent and temporary fully serviced sites are provided in Brent; to ensure that all Travellers have access to health, education, and all Council services; and to confront any form of racism towards Travellers.



We feel that it is better for everyone, and cheaper in the long run, to provide temporary and permanent serviced sites for travelling people, who would pay rent and rates to use them, than to continually spend public money in costly legal actions, mass evictions and clearing up after unofficial encampments.

All those who claim to be against racism should recognise that the Travelling People in Brent are an ethnic group in the community with particular needs and basic rights which have been denied to them.

A vocal minority opposed to the plans for sites have tried to stir up anti-traveller feelings in the local community. We condemn those racist elements who are prejudiced against Travelling People and have tried to bring conflict and hate into our multi-racial community.

Such intolerance and racial prejudice against a group of people with a differing culture in our own lifetime has led to unmentionable crimes against humanity when millions of people, including between half and three quarters of a million Travelling People, perished.

We feel that Travelling People should be allowed to live in peace and harmony alongside the rest of the community in well-planned, permanent serviced sites. All progressive and humanitarian people are urged to give their full support in the travellers' fight against the racists.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Thousands of Travelling People live in a state of apartheid in this country - nearly 1,000 families around London and about 100 families in Brent.
2. Bring motions into your branch, highlighting the traveller issue. Write to your local councillors, MP, newspapers, in support of sites.
3. Educate your family, friends, and colleagues on the traveller issue. Invite speakers to meetings in your trade union and workplace.
4. Fight anti-traveller views within trade unions and community groups. Work to overcome prejudice, fear and conflict of interests.
5. Press for proper sites, health care, education and welfare rights. Remember that travellers want no more or no less than what is granted by right to the settled community.
6. Outlaw racist terms such as 'Irish tinker'. Expose anti-traveller discrimination in shops, pubs, discos, banks, etc.
7. Fill in this form, join the group and get to know the Travellers.

I/we would like to know more about the Brent Travellers' Support Group. Please send more information and membership details.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Name ..... Telephone .....  
Address.....

..... Postcode .....  
PLEASE RETURN TO BTSG, c/o 76 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6NY. trav





# LINK-UP WITH THE T & G

TEMPORARY  
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PART-TIME  
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# THE TGWU CHARTER



## 1. Pay and conditions:

Fair wages, equivalent to the pay and conditions of permanent, full-time workers should be paid. This should include all pay enhancements, proper holidays, sick pay and other conditions, such as pensions and maternity rights.

## 2. Security and legal rights:

Unfair dismissal, maternity and redundancy rights should be extended regardless of period of service. Sick pay entitlement should be immediate. Above all, quick and strong penalties should be available against employers who do not provide proper contracts of employment.

## 3. Health and safety:

Effective supervision is vital and employers must have a clearer legal responsibility. Equally, casual workers need legal protection when they are involved in causing health and safety problems to other workers and the public.

## 4. Training:

Temporary and short-term workers frequently bring skills and knowledge to their work, and only rarely learn any new skills from their temporary employers. This is unfair to the workers, bad for industry and the nation.

Short-term and temporary workers should have fair training opportunities.

## 5. Women:

Most part-time and temporary workers are women and discrimination against them at work is worse than for full-time women workers. We demand equal opportunities, with quick redress available, in addition to the legal rights set out above.

## 6. Young workers:

We are opposed in principle to casual working for young people. This allows employers to cheat and exploit them. Young workers should be paid the rate for the job, adult rate at 16 and have full employment protection rights.

If you'd like to join the Transport and General Workers' Union or want further information on our Link-Up Campaign, fill in the box below and send it to us at the address below:

Name .....

Address .....

Employer .....

(TGWU Office stamp)

or TGWU (Link-Up), FREEPOST, London SW1P 3YY. (No stamp needed.)



Brent Irish Cultural & Community Association Ltd.

76-82 Salusbury Road, London, NW6 6NY

Telephone: 01-625 9585

### IRISH CENTRE WITH A DIFFERENCE

For just over a year now, a building in the West Kilburn area of the London Borough of Brent has been undergoing a major transformation. This development is unique as it will, in the coming years, establish a new type of Irish Centre the like of which exists nowhere else in the World.

The organisation running the development will bring together under one roof the various strands of Irish culture and heritage and encourage their promotion in a setting which also affords community facilities for all those living locally and indeed any who care to avail of them.

To date, the Project has attracted funds from 2 local authorities - The Greater London Council, now sadly abolished, and the London Borough of Brent. Both these authorities were keen to see the establishment of an Irish Cultural and Community Centre in a Borough which has the largest concentration of Irish people anywhere in Great Britain. The Committee running the project, which is made up of representatives from approximately 20 Irish organisations, has been moderately successful in fund raising from the private sector which also bodes well for the future.

So, what, you might ask, is intended to happen within such an unusual and original Centre? The answer is an extremely important one, especially given the chronic underfunding of Irish culture and the organisations promoting it in the U.K.

Irish arts will be represented by groups specialising in theatre, music, dance, literature and visual arts. On completion, this cultural and community complex will offer much needed theatre space for their productions as well as providing for Irish dancing groups; regular exhibitions by Irish artists or of Irish interest; exhibition of works by photographers, sculptors, potters and craft workers. Space will be provided for workshops on such specialist skills as printing, photography, painting and pottery.

The educational facilities will be second to none and will include, on completion, a library, an archive, soundproofed music and dance rooms, seminar/lecture rooms, a bookshop and education resource centre. Courses will be offered in the tuition of the Irish language, the history of Irish language and its literature. Tuition by experts will be provided in traditional music with instrumental workshops for fiddle, tin whistle, harp, concert flute and uilleann pipes; dance classes in step, figure, set and ceille dancing.

Of course, alongside all of these wonderful activities, will run the daily community activities. There will be space for meeting rooms, a Mother and Toddlers Group, a drop in club for the elderly (daily Irish newspapers and video) and also planned for a later stage a luncheon club for our Senior Citizens. There will also be an Information Centre which should be of special interest to those who have only recently arrived from Ireland or have not yet found their feet. Gaelic sport is not forgotten and the first handball courts to be built in the U.K. are currently under construction. A Handball Club will be based at the centre and tuition for beginners will be available. Gaelic football and hurling clubs will have use of regular meeting rooms and indoor training facilities.

Certainly then it is an Irish Centre with a difference and if you are interested in knowing more about the Project or becoming associated with its development, all you have to do is contact Myles Crummie at the Project Office at the above address/telephone number. Volunteer helpers are always welcome as are people with ideas on fund raising to help progress the development. If you can help in any way, please give us a ring.



# CUMANN CULTURACH AGUS POBALDA BRENT (TEORANTA)

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## SUMMER SCHOOL : GAELTACHT DONEGAL

SATURDAY 25TH JULY - SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 1987

### COURSE IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE:

The Course is designed to provide an insight into the traditional literature and folklore of Gaelic Ireland with special reference to Donegal. Sessions in the form of study groups, workshops in music, song, storytelling and ceili dance complement the more formal sessions and there are additionally guest-lecturers and visits to historical monuments and modern community projects. The Course is supplemented by leisure-time activities of a cultural or recreational nature which add to the general enjoyment.

### DETAILS OF COST:

Cost of the Summer School trip will be £150 per adult to include transportation, accommodation, tuition and entertainment. Travel will be by air to Dublin and by coach from Dublin to Donegal.

Flexibility of the return air ticket will allow people to return on different dates should they wish to extend their visit to Ireland. Return ticket will be valid for travel from Dublin Airport.

(Although no figures are presently available, there may be concessions for children - please contact The Brent Irish Cultural Centre on Tel: 625 9585)

### RESERVATIONS:

Places on the Course can be reserved by contacting the Centre and paying a Deposit of £30 per person.

We should be grateful if all Reservations could be made by week ending 21st March 1987

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

The Brent Irish Cultural & Community Association  
76-82 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6NY

Tel: 01 625 9585

Contact: K. O'Flaherty

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# Make Ireland election issue



Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams: why elect politicians to repress us? he told London Irish.

"Irish people here are economic exiles, forced from their homeland by the effects of partition and the policies of the conservative parties which govern in both parts of Ireland," Sinn Féin president and MP Gerry Adams told a London audience last week.

And he urged the three million Irish people and those of Irish descent living in Britain to make the Irish question an issue at the forthcoming election.

There was this warning for the Labour Party: "The Labour Party leadership's record on Ireland is a disgraceful one. Over 60 per cent of Irish over here vote Labour.

"They should not be allowed to take the 'Irish vote' for granted. Neither, of course, should the SDP, the Liberals or any other political party.

## ISSUE

"Ireland must be made an election issue with all the political parties, and the next election provides an opportunity to start that process."

The Sinn Féin president reminded Irish people in Britain of the repression they suffered under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and from the anti-Irish bias of the British Establishment.

"Like the Guildford Four or the Birmingham Six, like many other political prisoners, you run the risk of judicial frame-ups just because you are Irish. If any political party wants your support then it must be

upon your terms."

He went on to outline issues to be raised with parliamentary candidates at the election. "Imprisoned here in Britain, Ellen O'Dwyer and Martina Anderson suffer an average of 23 strip searches every month. Is this an issue in your constituency?

"The history of British army and British police involvement in Ireland is dotted with shoot-to-kill incidents. Is this an issue in your constituency?

"Seventeen people in Ireland, seven of them children, have been killed by plastic bullets. In one month 16,656 plastic bullets were fired.

"According to William Whitelaw some 3,000 baton rounds and 1,000 CS gas projectiles are now held by police in England and Wales for anti-riot purposes. Is this an issue in your constituency?

"The responsibility lies with your politicians. Why should you elect them to repress us?"

Gerry Adams then turned to the question of Northern Ireland. "There will be much talk of unemployment in the next election.

## DISCRIMINATION

"Discrimination against Catholics in the north of Ireland is structural. It is built into the patterns and practices of hiring workers, types of occupation, promotions and redundancies.

"It manifests itself amongst both the unemployed and the employed. Catholics—who form 40 per cent of the population—are two and a half times more likely to be unemployed

as Protestants, and to have a greater experience of long-term unemployment.

"Catholics are over-represented in semi-skilled and unskilled occupations. They are under-represented in skilled occupations and managerial positions.

"Is this Republican propaganda? No, these are the conclusions of a report from a British government agency—the Department for Economic Development."

Mr Adams dismissed those whose hopes were pinned to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. "The treaty and the processes it involves seeks merely to camouflage the reality of the British claim to the continued ownership of part of Ireland.

## RESISTANCE

"This treaty is, like its predecessors, a reaction to the continued depth of support, tenacity and the protracted nature of Republican resistance.

"Since direct rule, structural inequalities have been reiterated and reinforced. Consider this when you are asked for your vote."

His final message was followed by prolonged applause as every man and woman in the packed Hornsey Town Hall gave Sinn Féin's leader a standing ovation: "The struggle for national self-determination in Ireland will continue.

"You have a part to play in that struggle. Making the question of Ireland a public issue in the next general election is just one way of playing your part."



# Sinn Fein set out plan to end war in Ireland

The Irish liberation movement Sinn Féin put forward its "scenario for peace" last week, a discussion paper outlining the immediate options open to the British Government for ending the war in Ireland.

The document, which restates and fleshes out much of existing Sinn Féin policy on the subject, was launched at simultaneous press conferences in London, Dublin, Belfast and the United States.

The responsibility for the continuation of the violence lies with the British Government's denial of national self-determination in Ireland, said Sinn Féin's London spokesman Gerry MacLochlainn.

## DECOLONISATION

The fundamental problem is the continued British colonisation of Ireland, and as soon as the Government makes an open and irreversible commitment to decolonisation then a new situation would arise in which there would be the real possibility of an end to the conflict.

"The only question that we insist is not up for discussion is that Britain should withdraw", said Gerry MacLochlainn. But the methods of withdrawal and how it should take place were obviously a matter

that could be discussed.

The first steps necessary, to indicate British commitment to withdraw would be the repeal of the Government of Ireland Act, a public declaration that "Northern Ireland" is no longer part of the United Kingdom, and the setting of a timetable for withdrawing military forces.

This could be followed by negotiations "to set the constitutional, economic, social and political arrangements for a new Irish state through a Constitutional Conference."

Such a conference, says the document, should be freely elected on an all-Ireland basis and open to submissions from all significant Irish social and political organisations.

It would draw up a new constitution and organise a national system of government while the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Ulster Defence Regiment were disarmed and disbanded as part of the British military withdrawal.

The document restates Sinn Féin's proposals for written guarantees to the Loyalist community, including provisions for family planning and the right to civil divorce.

But, it points out, "it suits the British and the Loyalists for the Loyalists to be portrayed as the real obstacle to . . . independence, and allows West-

minster off the hook, projecting itself as 'honest broker'."

Through the Anglo-Irish agreement, Gerry MacLochlainn pointed out, the Government had attempted to force the Loyalists to throw up a more pragmatic leadership, to patch up a deal with the SDLP in the north.

But that agreement was failing. It has only succeeded in alarming and disturbing the Loyalist community without taking any steps to break down their veto.

## FAILURES

In the light of the failure of the Anglo-Irish agreement and other British Government "initiatives", Sinn Féin has chosen to put forward these proposals for progress.

Gerry MacLochlainn pointed out that repeated opinion polls had shown that people in Britain favoured withdrawal, the most recent showing 61 per cent in favour.

"It's time the British people had the right to exercise their wishes to get out of Ireland, so that the British and Irish people can get on with the job of living their lives in peace, and the Irish people for the first time in 800 years can get

on with the job of building their own country."

The document should obviously be a subject for discussion in any forthcoming general election, said Gerry, but it was not produced specifically with that in mind.

As far as Labour Party policy was concerned, he told the New Worker, its most recent document, produced by the Policy Committee on Northern Ireland, "is if anything probably a step back

"We know that there is a very strong feeling within the rank-and-file of the Labour Party for withdrawal. Almost every conference that discusses the issue, now votes overwhelmingly for Irish reunification or policies that would lead to it.

"But the Labour Party has a position at the moment of recognising the Loyalist veto. That is unrealistic and actually dangerous. Maintaining the right of the Loyalist community to disrupt and prevent the Irish people moving towards independence is a recipe for the continuation of this war almost indefinitely.

"We would argue that the Labour Party ought to listen to the British people as a whole, it ought to listen to the rank and file of its party".



# London Irish hear call to fight the Lump

By  
Peter Geddes

"If there is anything that is causing a cancer in the Irish community in Britain, it is the Lump," Connolly Association general secretary Desmond Greaves told a mainly Irish audience in London on Saturday.

He was speaking at a meeting organised by the Association on "The Construction Industry and the Irish Community", which also featured speakers from the building workers' union UCATT, the building section of the TGWU and the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union.

Giving the background to Irish involvement in the Lump (self-employed subcontract labour) in Britain, Desmond quoted census reports which showed a rapid increase in emigration from Ireland of young unemployed workers.

This has risen from 1,000 in 1981 to 31,000 last year.

He quoted a letter from a recent issue of the Irish Post, which said, "I've just spoken to two young boys who I found sharing a bag of chips on a doorstep in Harlesden.

## NO JOB OR BED

"They told me they were from Derry, and had been in London for a week, but could find neither work nor a place to sleep."

Queues of unemployed Irish workers line the road in Cricklewood Broadway early each morning, waiting for the trucks to arrive and hoping to get a day's work—"Just like the old days," said Desmond.

TGWU official George Henderson explained how workers are forced into Lump labour out of desperation for work.

"In recent years it has not been uncommon to find the

main contractors transforming their workforce from direct to self-employed literally overnight.

"They do this by dismissing directly-employed workers, who are then immediately re-hired as self-employed."

Lump labour saves the bosses from paying national insurance contributions, holiday stamp payments and paying for the eight public holidays each year.

In addition self-employment avoids payment for "wet time" and releases the employer from obligations like entitlement to notice, won by the unions in the Employment Protection Act.

"Though the self-employed worker can avoid deduction of tax from gross pay, this one so-called advantage can cost him or her dearly," said George.

## NO DOLE

"Perhaps most important, the self-employed lose the right to claim unemployment benefit—a critical drawback in the construction industry, where unemployment between jobs is a regular occurrence.

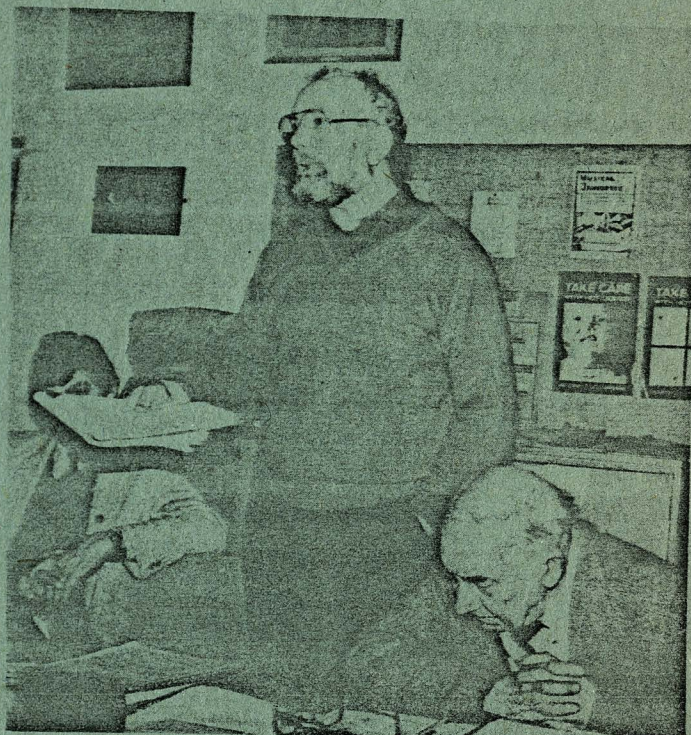
"Nor are the self-employed eligible for disablement benefit. They must rely on sickness benefit for which they qualify only if they have enough stamps on their card.

"Do Lump workers buy National Insurance stamps? Not if they can avoid it!"

George also highlighted the falling safety standards associated with the Lump. "The building industry kills and injures more workers than any other in this country — on average there are three construction deaths every week.

"Trade union safety officers are essential, and they need access to every site if we are to protect workers' lives.

"This requires a register of employers, and those breaking



Eric Flemming, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union—half the building workers in the Irish Republic are now unemployed.

the safety rules should be banned from the industry.

"We should form our own blacklist, like the Economic League and Aims of Industry—the anti-worker brigade."

Speaking on behalf of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Eric Flemming noted that half the building workers in the Irish Republic are now unemployed.

## IRISH UNIONS

The Lump is now common in Ireland, and Eric pointed to a problem for the unions: "Some Lump people wanted to be in the union, and the Irish carpenters' and bricklayers' unions now deal with subcontractors and operate productivity deals.

"So you'll have an army of Lumpers here who are not like the old Lumpers. They build to a price, they build on productivity deals, and they build well."

The meeting was agreed that the problem of the Lump would only be resolved by concerted trade union efforts to eradicate it, helped, hopefully, by legislation brought in by a future Labour Government.



**The Lump's a mug's game . . . where workers always lose at the employer's gain.**

That is why the Trade Unions are opposed to it. We say every worker is entitled to:

- \* Secure employment on the cards
- \* Recognition of the Joint National Working Rule Agreements
- \* Holiday entitlements; payment for wet time
- \* The right to work in a safe environment
- \* Time to train and instruct 'learners' on the job; we need our young people not just for today but for tomorrow
- \* A decent basic wage and an end to reliance on bonuses
- \* A reduction in the working week with no loss of earnings

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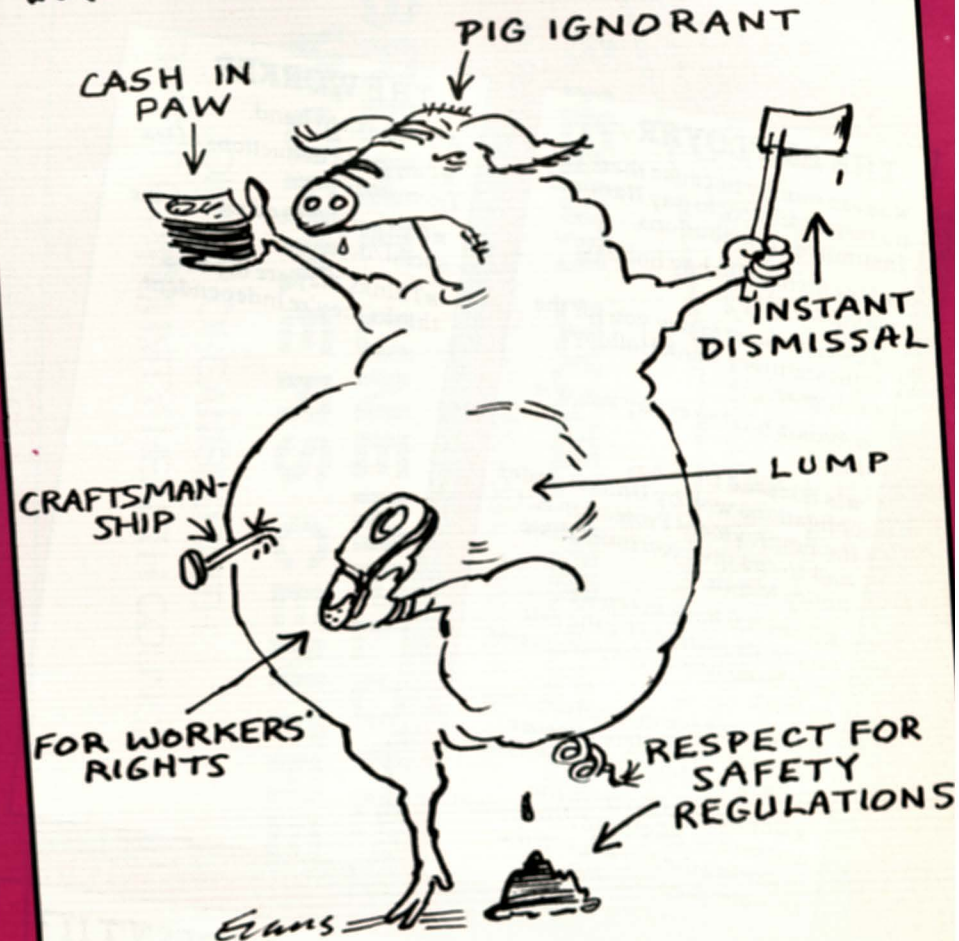
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# THE LUMP SUBCONTRACTOR





# SO YOU'RE DOING ALRIGHT ON THE LUMP?

## BUT WHO REALLY GAINS?

### THE EMPLOYER . . .

- \* Saves money because there is no responsibility to pay National Insurance contributions.
- \* Has no need to pay holiday stamps.
- \* Doesn't have to pay you for the eight statutory Bank Holidays each year.
- \* Avoids having to pay you wet time.
- \* Is released from any obligations won by Unions under the Employment Protection Act and so can give you immediate notice to quit.
- \* Does not have to report accidents suffered by the self-employed unless they are major or fatal.
- \* Doesn't have to 'waste' money on health and safety because there is no obligation to workers.
- \* Doesn't have to train the workers — and is only interested in getting the job done in the shortest possible time.

### THE WORKER . . .

- \* Gets cash in hand.
- \* Can avoid deductions of tax from gross pay.
- \* Can get paid and sign on the social/dole.
- \* Thinks they are the boss — thinks they're independent.

**THAT LOOKS PRETTY UNEVEN, DOESN'T IT?**  
They're saving the money all right — but at your expense.

## AND WHO PAYS?

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

- \* Guard rails and toeboards cost money, so why bother — it's only workers who get hurt, after all.
- \* Cowboy bricklayers overload scaffolding and hoists, bricks fall, scaffolding is weakened and people get hurt and killed.
- \* Last year, on average, three a week were killed and 2,409 were seriously injured on building sites.



### IN GOOD HEALTH AND IN SICKNESS

- \* Remember that you can only get sickness benefit if you've got enough stamps on your card.
- \* If you're not paying tax you are not eligible for disablement benefit.



### DODGING THE TAX

Every building worker spends time each year out of work — often as much as three months.

\* If you're dodging the tax, you're not entitled to unemployment or disablement benefit when you're out of work.

\* Each year dodging the tax costs the Exchequer £100 million — FOR HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK THEY ARE GOING TO LET THIS GO ON?

\* LAST YEAR THE AVERAGE FINE FOR THOSE PROSECUTED WAS £800! Get off the Lump before this happens to you.



### GOTCHA

If you are signing on the social/dole and you are getting a wage, you're only saving the subbie money, BUT IT'S YOU WHO IS BREAKING THE LAW — so you can guess who'll be made to pay.

**DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR — GET YOURSELF ON THE CARDS — GET YOURSELF SOME DIGNITY**





## A HEALTH COURSE FOR WOMEN

at BUWC, 389 High Road, Willesden, near bus garage

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JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH  
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Tuesday 26 May  
WHAT MAKES US ILL?  
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Tuesday 2 June  
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plus SPARE TYRE THEATRE CO CABARET

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CONTRACEPTION & ABORTION

Tuesday 16 June  
DEPRESSION, STRESS, & RELAXATION

Tuesday 23 June  
CANCER -- PREVENTION & CURE

Tuesday 30 June  
MENOPAUSE & MID-LIFE HEALTH

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Come along

Lunch 12.00 noon

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# IBRG

## IRISH IN BRITAIN REPRESENTATION GROUP

The IBRG has been formed because of the widespread feeling amongst the Irish in Britain that there is no effective representation of their interests in social, cultural and political matters. With your support the IBRG can become an effective organisation pursuing the interests of the Irish community — Through Democratic and Legitimate Methods

The IBRG's foremost concern is the representation of the Irish community with regard to affairs in Britain.

The IBRG is also interested and concerned about events in Ireland.

The IBRG is non-party political—it is not committed to any particular political philosophy whether Socialist or Conservative.

### THE PRESERVATION OF THE IRISH WAY OF LIFE IN BRITAIN

The IBRG hopes to foster a positive sense of Irish identity amongst the Irish in Britain which can be passed on to the British-born members of the community.

### A FAIR SHARE OF RESOURCES FOR THE IRISH IN BRITAIN

- A share of air-time on local radio stations and on the Fourth T.V. Channel.
- Local Authority courses in Irish Studies.
- The inclusion of Irish Studies in multi-racial school curricula.

### ANTI-IRISH RACISM

The IBRG aims to project the truth about the Irish contribution to British life and to combat anti-Irish racism in the form of anti-Irish jokes and insulting stereotypes.

### MEDIA REPRESENTATION

The IBRG is concerned about media misrepresentation of Irish affairs. The Republic is depicted as a repressive and backward country and the facts about the conflict in Ireland are routinely distorted.

### IRISH AFFAIRS

THE IBRG believes that the voice of the Irish in Britain should be heard on the problem of Northern Ireland. We will work in a peaceful, law-abiding and democratic way for a political solution to the problem. The Irish in Britain also have a legitimate interest in the affairs in the Republic—the IBRG hopes to make their voice heard.

### THE P.T.A.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act is used unjustifiably and indiscriminately against the Irish Community in Britain. Many MPs, the National Council for Civil Liberties and many other Groups support its repeal. IBRG have already commenced a major campaign for the repeal of this Act.

### PRISONERS

The IBRG is concerned about the plight of Irish prisoners in British gaols and we will conduct a National campaign on this issue.

### TRAVEL AND LINKS WITH IRELAND

The IBRG intends to investigate claims that fares are too expensive and services inadequate. We also hope to stimulate greater contact between Irish and British youth.

### PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

The IBRG have among its members professional people—Solicitors, Teachers, Social Workers, MPs, etc. We are here to help—do not hesitate to contact us.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Send this form to: [REDACTED] IBRG, [REDACTED] LONDON [REDACTED]

Tick as appropriate:

- A) I would like to join the IBRG—I enclose £1 membership fee.
- B) I would like to help with some aspects of IBRG work.

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